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SUBJECT: SOUNDINGS ON SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN A PROPOSED
NAVOCFORMED EXERCISE

1. MISSION OFFICER MET WITH NETHERLANDS AND DANISH REPS
JULY 11 TO CONTINUE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH NATO DELEGATIONS
ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A SPANISH SHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN A NAVOCFORMED
EXERCISE.

2. MAJ VAN NEUTEGEM, ACTING DEFENSE ADVISOR (NETHERLANDS)
ACKNOWLEDGED THE MILITARY DESIRABILITY OF CLOSER COOPERATION
WITH SPAIN AND RECOGNIZED THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL WAS MILITARILY
BENEFICIAL. HE WOULD SOUND OUT THE HAGUE ON ITS INFORMAL REACTION
TO THE PROPOSAL; HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE DEEP FEELINGS IN
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THE NETHERLANDS AGAINST THE CURRENT SPANISH REGIME, HE WAS NOT
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE HAGUE'S REACTION.

3. MAJ BJORKE, ACTING DEFENSE ADVISOR (DENMARK) ACKNOWLEDGED

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO NATO OF SPAIN AND THE MILITARY VALIDITY OF THE PROPOSAL. HE AGREED THAT CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION WITH SPAIN WAS IMPORTANT. HE WOULD ASK COPENHAGEN FOR AN INFORMAL REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL. HE WAS NOT ABLE TO PREDICT WHAT COPENHAGEN'S REACTION WOULD BE, BUT HE KNEW THAT THE CURRENT MINORITY GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL VERY CAREFULLY.

4. IN A CONVERSATION WITH MISSION'S POLAD, ON OTHER MATTERS, DANISH DCM VILLADSEN EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL, WHICH HE BELIEVED WOULD UNDERMINE SUPPORT FOR NATO IN DENMARK.

5. AS A RESULT OF INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH NORWEGIAN DEFENSE ADVISOR JULY 10, NORWEGIAN PERM REP BUSCH RAISED PROPOSAL WITH RUMSFELD THAT EVENING AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT NORWAY WOULD VETO PROPOSAL. AND PROBABLY BE JOINED BY OTHERS.

6. MISSION'S DEFENSE ADVISOR RECEIVED A CALL JULY 11 FROM AN INTERNATIONAL STAFF OFFICIAL FRIENDLY WITH SPAIN'S AMB TO BELGIUM. ACCORDING TO ISOFFICIAL, SPANISH AMB HAD LEARNED THAT MISSION PROVIDED TO SOME ALLIES A PAPER ON MILITARY RATIONALE FOR NATO-SPAIN COOPERATION AND HAD ASKED WHETHER HE COULD SECURE A COPY OF DOCUMENT. THE DOCUMENT REFERRED TO IS DRAWN FROM PARAS 7-10 OF STATE 134752. MISSION HAS DISCOURAGED MAKING THIS DOCUMENT AVAILABLE TO SPANISH. RUMSFELD

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